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September 2023 Newsletter

The next general club meeting is Tuesday September 12, 2023, at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. The usual start time is 7:00 PM. However, there will be a club potluck prior to the meeting, and it will start at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend, and we hope to see you there.



From the desk of the ARC-Over editor:  
Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to this month's club newsletter, the ARC-OVER. This is my first edition of the newsletter and I hope that you find it useful and informative. I want to thank Grady K6IXA (SK) and Spencer KJ6ART for their efforts in publishing the past editions of the newsletter. Grady is well remembered for his nostalgic articles of past club activities, and they will be missed.

The annual club potluck will take place at the September meeting. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the camaraderie. Spouses and significant others are also invited. Forks, knives, plates, and bottled water will be provided. Root beer floats will be provided afterwards. Remember we will be starting the meeting at 6:00 pm for the meal.

The annual club Christmas dinner will take place during the December 12, 2023, meeting and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. A menu and price will be provided as we get a little closer to that date.

The Young Eagles event will be held at the Turlock Airport September 23, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and they are interested in a working display of ham radio. If you are interested in working this event, contact Spencer for details at [kj6art@arrl.net](mailto:kj6art@arrl.net).

September is National preparedness month. Time to dust off your personal emergency plans. There will be additional information about preparedness in this newsletter.

We are always looking for articles or items of interest for the ARC-OVER. If you have something for the newsletter, please send to Lucian KF6NPG at [kf6npg@aol.com](mailto:kf6npg@aol.com) by the 4<sup>th</sup> of each month.

PREZ SEZ:

Bambi KI6YQL

## EMERGENCY!

Are You Prepared in Case of a Radio Communications Emergency!

Having a radio and knowing what to do with it are two different things. We need to know what each of the different radios are capable of transmitting, whether it be simplex or via a repeater system, and so forth. Do we have sufficient battery-based power systems? Are we prepared to run a net or handle emergency communications during or following an emergency. The disastrous fire in Lahaina, HI is a recent example. We need to prepare ourselves so that we can be of help during another similar calamity or disaster. Here in our community, flooding seems to be the main repetitive disaster to deal with. Keep in mind amateur radio comes into its own when cell towers and cell service go down. That is precisely what happened in Lahaina, HI, at some point we may be really needed, so practice and prepare.



Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® ([www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares)) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. They meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory, 3146 G St. Merced, CA. For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Richard W6ABJ at [w6abj@arrl.net](mailto:w6abj@arrl.net).

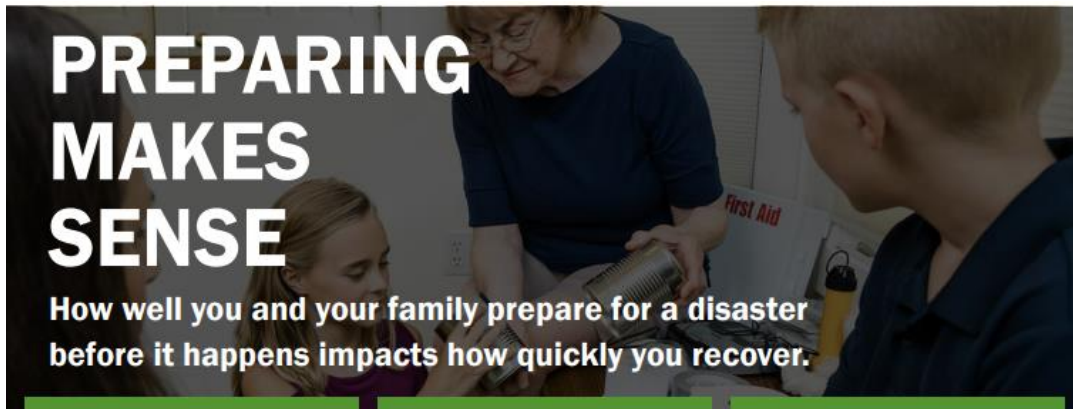


Thanks to Walter KI6PBL for this information:

Having an FCC amateur radio license and a handheld transceiver is a good start to be prepared to assist with emergency radio communications in the event of natural or man-made disasters.


However, it is important to note that the use of amateur radio equipment during emergencies requires a certain level of skill and knowledge. In addition, the use of amateur radio equipment during emergencies may require compliance with specific absorption rate (SAR) limits. The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) are two organizations that provide training and support for amateur radio operators who want to

participate in emergency communications. It is recommended that amateur radio operators who want to participate in emergency communications join one of these organizations and receive proper training before participating in any emergency communication effort.



# PREPARING MAKES SENSE

How well you and your family prepare for a disaster before it happens impacts how quickly you recover.




## KNOW YOUR RISK

Prepare for the risks where you live.

Visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov) where you can input your location to get information about disasters in your area.

Visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) to know how to prepare for disasters and what to do during an emergency.

Download the [FEMA mobile App](#) to receive real-time weather and emergency alerts, locate shelters, send notifications to loved ones and more.




## MAKE A PLAN

Prepare yourself and your family before disaster strikes.


Consider the **specific needs of your household** like medical needs or items for your pets.

**Practice your family's plan.**

Visit [Ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan) and use our template to create a Family Emergency Plan you can email to yourself.



[ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan)



## TAKE ACTION

Be ready to respond to and recover from a disaster.

**Gather supplies** that fit your family's needs.

**Secure important documents.**

Understand your **insurance coverage.**

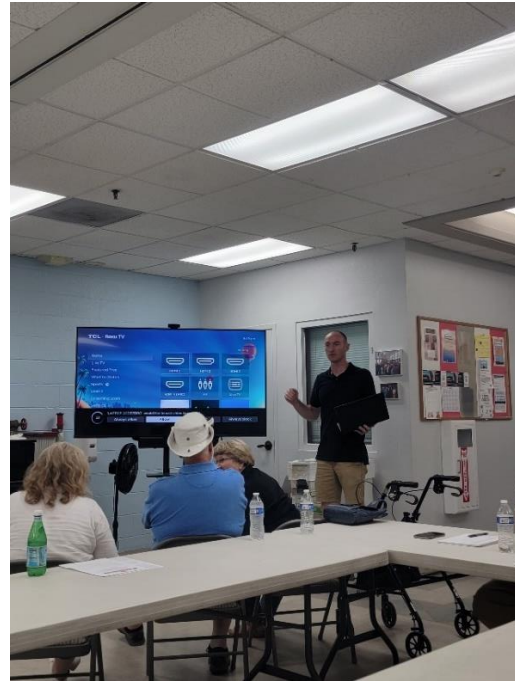
**Participate** in community disaster preparedness events.



Go to [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for more information to help you be prepared!



The August meeting was well attended and Spencer KJ6ART had an interesting presentation on signal reports.



The following update is courtesy of Walter KI6PBL:

I received word today (August 29, 2023) from Jeff Breazeale, the local Salvation Army Captain, that he is being deployed this Saturday to Lahaina, Maui. Jeff has disaster response experience, and this is part of his calling to co-ordinate the Army's resources in assisting in these types of disasters. This may be the worst he has ever seen or been involved in and because it is an Island a lot more logistically challenging. He will be gone until later in September. He has made arrangements for us to continue to utilize the facility this next month and has planned for our pot luck dinner at 6:00 the 12th. I asked him about taking an HT with him but have not heard back. Again, to Jeff--ALOHA!

Walter KI6PBL.

We wish Jeff a safe journey and he will be in our thoughts and prayers as he performs his duties in Lahaina.

**Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club August 8, 2023 @ 7PM**  
**Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with 24 members and guests in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:**

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) entertained a motion that the minutes of the last membership meeting be accepted as published. Motion made and seconded and motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Report presented by Treasurer Mike Smith, (KG6VFL). Account balances, checking \$3,819.32 and CD \$5,033.60. Paid \$170.55 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion. Collected \$25.00 in Dues with 76 dues paid members.

**Membership Chairman's Report:** John Sims (N6JCS) Absent

**Repeater Chairman's Report:**

Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) reported about clean up activities that had occurred at Mt Bullion

**Arc-Over Publisher's Report:** Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) reported that he needed to be relieved of the duties of creation of the monthly club newsletter but would be willing to continue to be involved in its inclusion into the club's website. President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) reached out to those in attendance to ask if anyone was willing to take this over for Spencer, and Lucian Thomas (KF6NPG) advised later in the meeting that he would do so. [THANK YOU LUCIAN]

**Vice President's Report:**

Vice President Richard Larson (W6ABJ) None

**Merced ARES Report:**

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) reported that activity was slow, and he had the intention to shut it down at year end due to inactivity. There was a detailed discussion as to the role of ARES in the two counties, Stanislaus and Merced.

**VEC Report:**

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) reported that although it had been advertised and at least one tech applicant was going to test tonight, it did not occur. The remaining testing session planned for this year will be October 10th.

**Old Business:** It was announced that the Club Auction was being rescheduled for February 10, 2024 and there was discussion as to ensuring that it was well advertised and brought to the attention of surrounding area Clubs.

**New Business:**

A pot luck event is to occur at the September club monthly meeting September 12<sup>th</sup> to start at 6:00 pm, with everyone encouraged to bring “what you want”, service wear to be furnished by the Salvation Army. Lena Van Beek (KM6VOH) is providing the makings of Root Beer Floats for all.

An election committee comprised of Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) and Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) has been established for the upcoming annual club officer election. Anyone wanting to either put their name in the hat or nominate are encouraged to reach out to either of these fine gentlemen.

It was announced that in December the annual Christmas Dinner would occur at the Salvation Army facility December 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm. Further information on the final cost amount and dinner choice will be forthcoming when available. The only business to be conducted that evening will be election of officers and dessert.

The idea of a “Bacon & Eggs Breakfast” aka “Breakfast with the Hams” was suggested by Lena Van Beek (KM6VOH) and received a round of interest, if not outright approval to start off on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, a Saturday at Huckelberry’s



Restaurant in Turlock commencing at 8:00am. Please note that this is intended to be a “NO HOST” event, so bring your own money!

Meeting Adjourned after 8:00pm. Motion by Richard Larson (W6ABJ), Second by Jeff Breazeale (KN6TFK), Motion carried.

Walter Schmidt (KI6PBL) Secretary

Following the meeting there was a presentation by Spencer Boyd (KJ6ART) with a considerable amount of technical input by a number of members to fire it up via video, on the RST reporting system (signal reporting).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### On Going Event

[Electronics Flea Market](#) at West Valley College in Saratoga. Once a month on the second **Sunday**.

### September

Bacon and Eggs Breakfast with the Hams Saturday September 2, 23, at 8:00 am at Huckleberry's in Turlock.

Club meeting Tuesday September 12, 2023. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm for the club potluck.

Sacramento Valley Ham Fest Saturday September 16, 2023 (refer to following flyer)

The Young Eagles event will be held at the Turlock Airport on Saturday September 23, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and they are interested in a working display of ham radio. If you are interested in working this event, contact Spencer for details at [kj6art@arrrl.net](mailto:kj6art@arrrl.net).

1<sup>st</sup> Annual StanJoaquin Amateur Radio Picnic and Swap-meet Saturday September 30, 2023 (refer to following flyer).

## October

Club meeting Tuesday October 10, 2023, 7:00pm. A VE session (Amateur radio testing will take place before the meeting at 6:00 pm).

Pacificon 2023 October (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) 20-22, 2023. To register go to [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org).

## November

Club Meeting Tuesday November 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Turkey Trot (further information to follow).

## December

Turlock Christmas Parade Friday December 1, 2023.

Club meeting Tuesday December 12, 2023 meeting starts at 6:30pm for dinner.



*"A ham - pod?"*



# Seventeenth Annual Sacramento Valley Hamfest!



*Hi-Tech*

**Saturday, Sept 16, 2023**

*Liquidators*

**0700 to 1200 Hours**



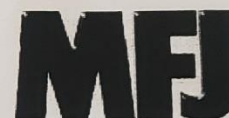
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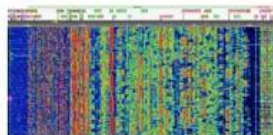
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**Stan Joaquin**  
**Amateur Radio**  
★ **Picnic and** ★  
**Swapmeet**



**SEPT. 30TH, 2023**

**NORTHGATE PARK- 1750 HOYT LANE  
MANTECA CA. FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM**



**COME ON OUT AND ENJOY THE FOOD AND  
SWAPMEET WITH YOUR FELLOW HAMS.**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT- ZACK (209)613-9640  
OR JOYCE (209)400-5421**







## TURLOCK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SPRING 2024 AUCTION

Saturday February 10, 2024

Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380

The estates of Grady and Mike will be a part of the auction. If you are interested in selling items at the auction, please contact Spencer KJ6ART at [kj6art@arrl.net](mailto:kj6art@arrl.net) or Richard W6ABJ at [w6abj@arrl.net](mailto:w6abj@arrl.net)

Lunch provided.

Further details will be coming soon. Please check the Turlock Amateur Radio Club website for updates at [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org)

## **TARC System Nets**

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7:30 PM

## **2023 Dues**

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2023. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://W6BXN.org) and subscribe.

## **2023 Club Officers**

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Club Trustee Spencer Boyd KJ6ART

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## **Election Committee**

Walter Schmidt KI6PBL

Spencer Boyd KJ6ART

If you are interested in serving as a club officer, please contact Walter or Spencer.

